

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO HONOR BOB HILL

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President I rise today to honor Bob Hill of Bow, NH. Mr. Hill was recently named Citizen of the Year by the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce.

Each year the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce selects a man or woman who has made significant contributions to the standard of living in the community of Concord and its surrounding towns. The chamber of commerce looks for an individual who displays a commitment to others, demonstrates leadership, concern and dedication. Bob Hill, the winner this year, was surprised he was recognized. However, Bob's modesty underestimates the honorable and admirable characteristics he has clearly shown.

Bob was honored for his numerous contributions to community organizations. He serves on the boards of the YMCA, the Capitol Center for the Arts, and the Concord Boys and Young People Club. Bob has also raised funds for Camp Spaulding in New Hampshire, allowing low- and moderate-income families the opportunity to send their children to camp. This cause is especially dear to Bob's heart because he attended Camp Spaulding as a young boy and has first-hand knowledge of the benefits. Bob is also known to lend a helping hand in any area. He is not afraid to give his time and energies to a cause of which he has limited knowledge, but a great interest. For example, Bob was instrumental in taking the Capitol Center for the Arts from an idea and making it a reality. Friends and colleagues refer to him as a warm and straightforward man, known for passionately tackling tasks and one who adamantly believes in giving back to the community.

As a testament to Bob's unselfish nature, in his acceptance speech he spent little time talking about his achievements, but rather recalled the achievements and memories of others. Bob commented that law enforcement officials do not receive the daily recognition they deserve. He asked the audience of over 300 for a moment of silence for these men and women. In addition, Bob recognized the other people in the community whose accomplishments are similar to his own and who raise the standard of life in the community.

This type of commitment to one's community is extremely worthy of homage. Bob is an asset to his town as well as to the State of New Hampshire. I admire, appreciate, and commend Bob's devotion to his beliefs and to the people. He is an invaluable citizen who has set an example for others to follow. I commend Bob for his contributions, and I congratulate him for receiving the distinguished honor of Citizen of the Year.●

FIREFIGHTER ANTHONY GLOVER

• Mr. FRIST. Mr. President. It is not everyday that we hear about the heroic

pursuits of firefighters across the Nation even though many risk their lives daily to protect our communities and homes. Firefighter Anthony Glover is one of those heroes and his efforts to save the life of a fellow firefighter certainly deserve special recognition.

Last May, the Nashville Fire Department's Engine Company No. 9 responded to a multi-alarm fire. Upon arrival it was very clear that the conditions of the blaze were advanced, quickly deteriorating the burning building. There to do their job, Firefighter Glover and Capt. Terry Secrest entered the building to better access the source of the fire. Little did the firemen know that the building was slowly collapsing around them.

Before reaching the source of the fire, Captain Secrest's face piece became disconnected from his oxygen source, leaving the captain exposed to severe conditions that would surely end his life. Without hesitation, Firefighter Anthony Glover removed his face piece; exposing himself to the unbearable conditions, in order to share his oxygen with Captain Secrest. This act of courage was just the beginning in a series of life threatening events.

As the two firefighters were sharing the lone source of oxygen, super-heated gases ignited a blaze of fire, cutting the men off from their destination. A nearby exit from the flame engulfed building was also blocked. Captain Secrest, overcome by the extreme conditions, was unable to continue. Glover, at the end of his oxygen supply, proceeded to drag the captain 90 feet to safety with nothing to guide him in zero visibility and intense heat. Firefighter Glover navigated a maze of burning materials and blocked doorways before breaking through a charred wall and dragging the captain and himself to safety.

Mr. President, Anthony Glover is a true hero. Firefighter Glover overcame panic, fear, and the instinct to save one's own self in order to save the life of a fellow firefighter, regardless of putting his own life in danger. Due to Firefighter Glover's heroic efforts, Captain Secrest survived the life threatening ordeal. Had it not been for Glover's selfless deed Captain Secrest would have suffered fatal injuries resulting in certain death. It is only fitting that he receive the Departmental Medal of Honor for this act of extraordinary heroism. I admire Firefighter Anthony Glover's courage and determination and wish him the best of luck.●

TRIBUTE TO BOB CARTER

• Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the career of Bob Carter, an outstanding newsman, who is retiring after more than four decades in the news business. Bob served for the last 28 years as president and general manager of the Kentucky New Era in Hopkinsville, KY. Bob is a great Kentuckian who has worked hard for the people of his community. He is a great friend, and he truly will be missed.

Bob was 19 years old when he started working for the Kentucky New Era. He took the job so he could save enough money to go to college to study architecture. But along the way, he met his future wife Ann and decided to call Hopkinsville his home. His first job at the paper was selling ads, but after 5 years, he was named manager of the advertising department. In 1969, Bob became president and general manager of the paper. At that time, the newspaper had about 30 employees and a daily circulation of 7,000 readers. Today the newspaper has 82 employees, a circulation of 15,500, and several holdings, including the local television station.

At the beginning of his career, Bob was primarily interested in the business aspect of the newspaper. He fought to get the newspaper headquartered in its current home, and to invest heavily in new equipment. It's an investment that paid off. In the early 1970's, Hopkinsville's economy began to grow and so did the Kentucky New Era. And what better way to sum it up than to quote Bob from his own newspaper, "We grabbed onto that whirlwind and rode with it." He went on to add, "We became a cheerleader for the community. We were a supporter and a critic. We challenged some people to do things that weren't being done."

Retirement in Bob's case doesn't mean that he will slow down. He will continue to serve as chairman of the Kentucky New Era Board of Directors, and will work in an advisory capacity to assist his replacements through the end of the year. Bob will remain active in his community, as a member of the Association of the U.S. Army, the Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee, and as the newspaper's "ambassador" at Fort Campbell. He will also be able to spend more time with his wife, Ann, and his two daughters, Beth and Jini.

Mr. President, I commend Bob Carter for his outstanding service to the people of Hopkinsville, KY. I ask that you and my fellow colleagues join me in recognizing the career of this outstanding Kentuckian, and wishing him well in all his future pursuits.●

JENNIFER HORAN OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP 3032

• Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by the Sakakawea Girl Scout Council in Bismarck, ND.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., an organization serving over 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of this program in 1980. As a member of the Sakakawea Girl Scout Council, Jennifer Horan began working toward the Girl Scout Gold Award in October 1996.